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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

2 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

3 The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety  
4 of rose plant of the hybrid tea <sup>class</sup> rose which was created by  
5 crossing as seed and pollen parents two known rose  
6 varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'WHY  
7 NOT CHERISE?'.  
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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

11 Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new  
12 variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I  
13 am aware, is its dark orange-red flowers.  
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16 Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new  
17 variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the  
18 foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to  
19 form and are established and transmitted through succeeding  
20 propagations.  
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustration of this character.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following is a detailed description of 1-year-old plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart (RHS) . The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Intensity of expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November.

## PLANT

Form:	Upright
Growth:	Very vigorous
Size:	Height about 5 feet; width about 3 feet
Foliage	
Size:	Length about 3 inches; width about 1 1/2 inches
Quantity:	About 1
Color	
New foliage:	Upper side near 146B; under side near 142C
Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
Shape:	Elliptic
Texture	Upper side smooth; under side matte
Edge:	Serrated
Serration:	Serrate

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Petioles: Top surface color near 14B;  
Under side near 14C  
Stipules: Medium  
Auricle: Small, slightly serrated  
Rachis: Smooth  
Venation: None  
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#### WOOD

##### New shoots

Bark: Smooth

15 Wood: Near 46A

##### Old wood

Bark: Smooth

Wood: Near 137C

Flowering stem: Length between 4 1/2 to 6  
inches

Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy

Resistance to Disease: Fair

Temperature range: Between 10 and 15 F

25 Internode spacing: Usual

Preferred growing  
conditions: Full sun

Growth habit: Upright

Leaves per stem: About 7

#### FLOWER INFLORESCENCE

Flowering Habit: Continual

Bud About 1 1/2 inches

Form: High centered

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Color:

Before sepals divide color  
near 464; when sepals first  
divide color near 474; when  
petals begin to unfold color  
near 471

Sepals:

Regular; thin in mid, thick  
on tip

Size:

Length in relation to bud  
about 1 1/2 inches

Color

Topside near 158A; Bottom  
near 147B

Peduncle

Length:

About 4 1/2 inches

Strength:

Erect

Color:

Near 1391

Flower

Size:

About 5 1/3 inches

Borne:

Single

Form:

Very high centered

Petalage:

About 42

Petaloids in center:

Few; between 3 to 4

Persistence:

Good

Fragrance:

Medium

Lasting quality:

About 3 weeks on plant; about  
7 days after cutting

Color

During first 2 days:

Inner petals at flower center  
topside near 464; bottom near  
464; when petals topside  
near 471, bottom near 471

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Base of petals

Point of attachment: Near LA

General tonality from a distance: Near 41

Color change: Fades slightly; after a few more days fades to near 41A

10 Petals

Texture: Thick

Shape: Wider than long

Arrangement: Imbricated

Appearance: Velvety front / satiny back

15 REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers: Regularly arranged around styles

Color: Filaments near 48A; Anthers near 48C

Pollen: No pollen

Styles: Medium length; color near 48C

Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries

25 Shape: Round

Size: Small; diam at 1/2 inch

Color: Near 14A

Seeds: No seeds

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